THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R.NARAYANAN): (a) Though no new steps have been envisaged by the Government of India during the last four months, it has been constantly in touch with other government and organisations committed to the eradication of the inequitable system of apartheid prevailing in South Africa in order to compel the racist regime to give up its apartheid policies. The Government of India has continue to implement its established policies.

(b) and (c) Other countries of the Commonwealth and Non-aligned Movement have been putting pressure on the South African regime. The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in the Bahamas in October 1985, has set up an Eminent Persons' Group, in which India is represented ,to hold talks with all concerned parties in South Africa, on ending apartheid. If, at the end of six months, the Eminent Persons' Group reports no progress, then the Commonwealth countries expected to take further steps, including sanctions, to pressurise South Africa to end apartheid. While the South Africa racist regime has made various general statements promising reforms, it has made no serious commitments regarding introducing a truly democratic structure in the country, or of releasing prisoners of conscience.

Visit of the Defence Secretary to Pakistan

492. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation, led by the Indian Defence Secretary, visited Islamabad in January this year; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the talks held with the Pakistan Government representatives and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The talks were on the Siachen Glacier issue in which both sides stated their respective positions and agreed to meet again to continue the discussions.

Emitting of toxic gases by fertilizer factories at Dharuhera in Haryana

493. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of January 10, 1986 captioned, 'Another Bhopal in the making' to the effect that toxic gases emitted by the two fertiliser factories at Dharuhera (owned by Delhi-based industrialists) about 60 Kms. from Delhi, are ruining the crops in vast areas around and are posing serious threat to human life and animals;

(b) whether any survey of the situation has been made; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative what is the outcome of the survey and the steps taken by Government to effectively prevent pollution and any possible large scale accident and havoc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A team from the Central Pollution Control Board and Haryana State Pollution Control Board inspected the site to assess the situation on the basis of which cetrain steps have been suggested for control of pollution on a time bound basis. These include continuous sulphur dioxide on line recorder in the sulphuric acid stocks, raising of the stock heights, installation of improved particulate control device, venturi scrubber for flouride control and continuous recording of temperature of conversion tower and intensive air quality monitoring.

Visit of the Sri Lankan Rural Industries Development Minister to Delhi

494. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Rural Industries Development Minister Shri S. Thondaman, visited New Delhi on January 7, 1986 to have talks on the problem of